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The President Calls a Nation to Prayer

How Shall Plea for Peace Be Answered

Whereas, Great nations of the world have taken up arms against one another and war now draws millions of men into battle whom the counsel of statesmen have not been able to save from the terrible sacrifice; and

Whereas, In this, as in all things, it is our privilege and duty to seek counsel and succor of Almighty God, humbling ourselves before Him, confessing our weakness and our lack of any wisdom equal to these things; and

Whereas, It is the especial wish and longing of the people of the United States, in prayer and counsel and all friendliness, to serve the cause of peace;

Therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do designate Sunday, the fourth day of October next, as a day of prayer and supplication, and do request all God-fearing persons to repair on that day to their places of worship, there to unite their petitions to Almighty God, that, overruling the counsel of men, setting straight the things they cannot govern or alter, taking pity on the nations now in the throes of conflict, [illegible]

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, [illegible]

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:

William Jennings Bryan,
Secretary of State.

DO THEY EXPECT AN ANSWER?

How do [illegible] "overruling the counsel of men, set straight the things they cannot govern nor alter, show a way where men can see none, and vouchsafe healing peace again?"

It is irreligious to pray as a mere matter of form, not expecting a reply. How, then, do we expect God to answer? By what means is He to speak? By thundering out of heaven? By signs and portents in the clouds? By a message dropped by an angel?

OR, as always heretofore, BY THE MOUTHS OF HIS PROPHETS AMONG MEN?

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, except he reveal his secret unto his servants the prophets!" says Holy Writ.

If God desires peace now, He desires it all the time, not merely after horror is let loose. If God abhors war, He abhors it before it begins as much as after it has run its course. And God, abhorring war and desiring peace, must surely have told men by the mouths of His servants the prophets, the secret of peace.

But who are His prophets? Shall we look to the Church? The Church has confessed itself impotent. The prophets came from outside the priesthood. What voice has been raised among men denouncing war, and declaring the way to peace? Who is it that has stood steadfastly for peace, before this war began and during its horrible course?

There is none so ignorant as not to know the answer; although there are millions who even yet jeer at these prophets, stoning and reviling them as their forefathers did in Israel. Not only since the war began, but long before; not only in this country, but in every country; not only when imminent danger threatened, but also when no cloud of coming conflict appeared, the voice of the Socialists has been raised, denouncing war, and pointing the way to peace. Their message has been unheeded —and the Judgment has come!

After the nations, our own included, have for long centuries derided God's commands; after outraging with universal consent the message of peace made ten times plain; after [illegible] appalled from the work of our hands and blame it all on God! We set a day of intercession to beg Him to save us—from our own mad folly!

We ask God to stop it, as though He were responsible,—when it is our persistent disobedience to His commands that brings us to this pass.

The way is clear how peace is to be brought and war forever ended. It is no new way, no new method that is to be brought to bear; it is simply the doing of the will of God declared by prophet and Messiah since the world began.

How We Fight Death.

What think ye?

When typhoid ravages a city, in what manner is our prayer to God directed? Do we grovel in the dust, confessing our sins and begging for mercy—and let it go at that?

NO! WE CLEAN UP THE DRAINS! We examine the food supply to see if the milk is clean and the meat untainted. We destroy flies, germ-laden messengers of death. We patrol the water-shed to see that no sewage gets into our drinking water.

WE DESTROY THE CAUSE OF TYPHOID, AND THE DISEASE DISAPPEARS.

When yellow fever devastates a coast, as formerly it swept across the Gulf shores and made Panama a place of death, how did we pray? Did we burn joss-sticks and printed prayers as the Chinese used to do? Did we abuse ourselves in public, calling ourselves worms of destruction and children of vile earth, ask to be saved—and let it go at that?

NO! WE CLEANED UP THE SWAMPS! We exterminated the stegomyia fasciata mosquito; we isolated the sufferers, surrounding them with mosquito-proof gauze; we screened all still water, and covered stagnant pools with oil. We cleaned up the haunts of the disease-bearing insect, abolished that on which it lives.

WE DESTROYED THE CAUSE OF [illegible] ER, AND [illegible] eight years ago did we carry images around [illegible] for mass-meetings of penitence, ring bells and preach sermons? Did we implore the Death Angel to stay his sword—and let it go at that?

NO! WE KILLED ALL THE RATS! WE DESTROYED THE MEANS WHEREBY THE PLAGUE BREEDS AND SPREADS, AND THE PLAGUE DISAPPEARED.

Why do we do these things? Is it lack of faith? Is it irreligious to destroy causes instead of relying on Providence?

No; for God has told us, by the mouths of His servants the physicians, His prophets of life and health, how disease may be averted and health won. We obeyed the word and were saved.

In the Middle Ages, when plague and pestilence swept across the lands, there were days of national fasting and prayer, processions with relics and images, litanies and psalms to avert the scourge. But the Black Death swept on.

Then the prophets of life and health came and told us how these things occurred and spread, and how they might be ended. We followed the teaching of the prophets of life and lived.

During the yellow fever in New Orleans in 1905, eight sisters in a convent of Perpetual Adoration were stricken one after the other. Inspectors came and examined the place. They said:

"Your holy water bowls are breeding places for mosquitoes. That is where the disease spreads. Clean them out." But the sisters refused, calling the suggestion sacrilegious. James H. Blenk, archbishop of New Orleans, a man of strong piety, sent them word:

"Clean and fumigate the chapel within three hours." And it was done. And no more sisters were struck down.

Was this impious? Was Archbishop Blenk any the less devout because for once the chapel was filled with the fumes of sulphur instead of the odors of incense?

No; he saved lives, and that is never irreligious.

War Is a Disease

What have the prophets of peace declared to us as the means whereby we may seek peace, and follow it?

They have sought to find the causes of war, as the physicians sought and found the causes of pestilence. They have declared to us what these causes are, and bidden us to abolish them. And no one today denies the message, proclaimed by God's Prophets of Peace, the Socialists. But the world will not follow.

There is one cause which underlies every bloody struggle that has been since the world began. Varying in its form as the social structure varies, but consistent and uniform as the human life is consistent and uniform, the one eternal urge whereby men proceed to murder one another, singly or by thousands, is COMPETITION FOR ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE.

In the days of tribal organization, tribes went to war for possession of pasture-lands, herds, rivers full of fish, or good hunting-grounds.

In medieval days baronies went to war for vineyards, farm-lands, fords and highways.

Under Capitalism, nations go to war for ports, colonies, and natural resources, or to suppress commercial competition.

Beneath all the glittering pomp and show of flag and uniform, of patriotism and loyalty, of vast crowds singing national hymns and impassioned orators pledging faith and honor, there lies the one stark, naked, ugly cause of War:

NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE.

Guglielmo Ferrero, undoubtedly the greatest living historian, says in a recent article:

"One has only to study the statistics of the production of iron, and there he will find the key to the Anglo-German conflict."

COMPETITION FOR PROFIT is the cause of the war. And until Competition for Profit is abolished, wars will continue.

Prayers for peace which do not recognize this truth, plainly told them by the Prophets of Peace sent in answer to the world's long agonized cry, are either blind, or HYPOCRITICAL AND INSINCERE.

Woodrow Wilson, the author of this proclamation, is the head of a vast national party which is, in platform and policy, committed to a scheme of society which nurses the causes of war. Competition is the keynote of his creed. And competition breeds war as surely as filthy drains and insanitary houses breed disease.

If he sincerely desires permanent, world-wide peace, he must devote himself to fighting the cause of permanent, world-wide war, which is Competition for the necessaries of life. He must renounce his economic creed, or stand convicted of insincerity.

A nation praying for peace is a nation praying for light. If these prayers are real and come from the heart, those who pray will be open to the light. It is a day above all days when every one who has heard the voice of the Prophets of Peace must spread the answer far and wide.

Competition for profit is the cause of war.

Co-operation for service is the healing bringer of peace.

Competition means Capitalism.

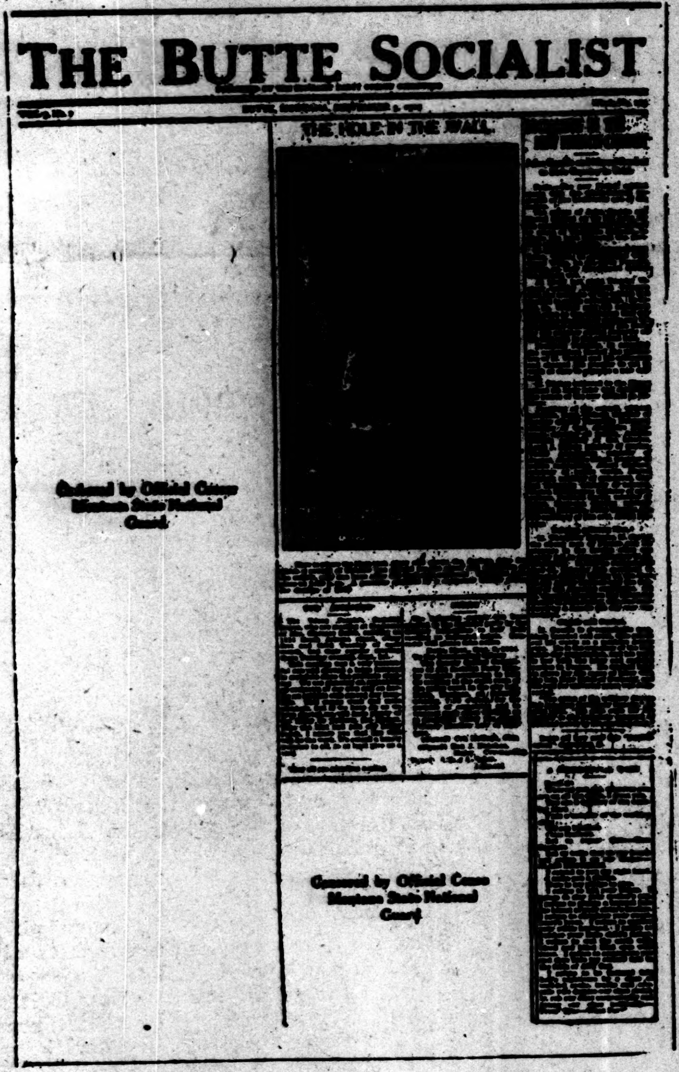
Co-operation means Socialism.

The only remedy for world-wide war, for destruction of life, is world-wide unity for service of life. To bring this about, Capitalism, which is competition for profit, must be abolished, and Socialism, which is co-operation in production for use and service, must be established.

Tell this in the Churches. Tell this to the priests, preachers, ministers and leaders. Tell this to friends, neighbors, strangers and foes. Make every prayer for peace a prayer for universal brotherhood.

SPREAD THE ANSWER OF ETERNAL TRUTH ABROAD OVER A NATION SEEKING FOR LIGHT. BE THE MOUTHPIECE OF GOD, A PROPHET OF PEACE, AND ANSWER THIS PRAYER!

What Makes You Think You Live in a Free Country?



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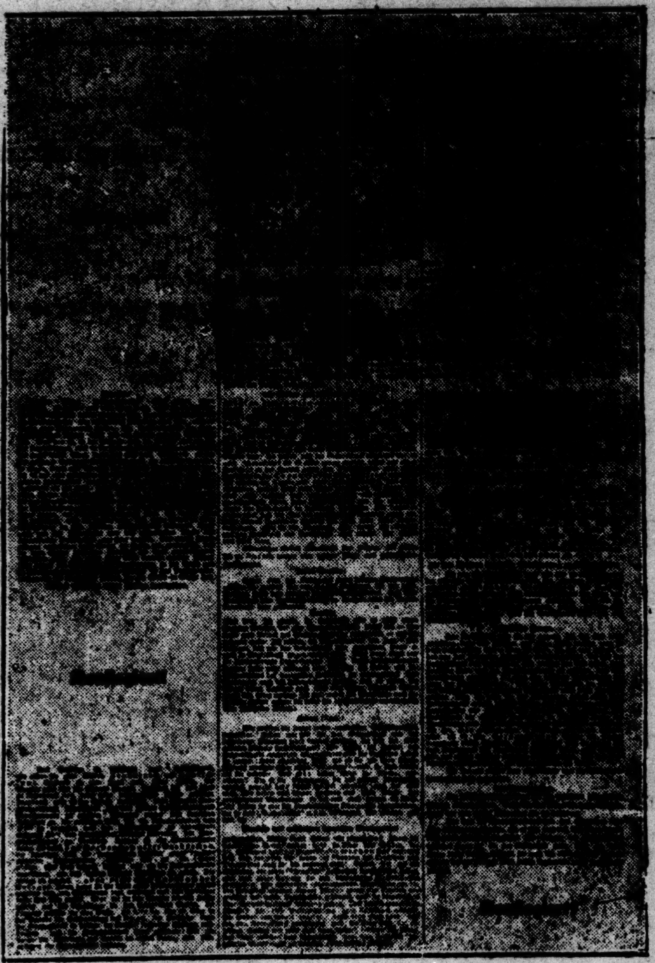


Freedom of the Press is supposed to be one of the marks of a free country. Well, look at this.

The cut above represents two newspapers, censored by military authority. One is the Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung, a Socialist newspaper published in the capital of Austria at the beginning of the war. Its first page is full of blank spaces. The blank spaces are filled by the German word "Konfiszkert!" meaning "censored." Military authorities took this precaution to prevent the people of Austria from knowing the real facts of the war, lest they rise in revolt.

The other is the front page of the Butte Socialist, published in the city of Butte, Montana, in our own free America. Its editor is the Mayor of that city, twice legally elected. The blank space—almost twice as large as that in the Vienna paper—is filled by the words **"Censored by Official Censor, Montana State National Guard."**

The article so cut out was written by the Mayor of Butte, and it is an appeal to the citizens to remain quiet during the presence of the militia.

After recounting the events which led up to the persuading of the Governor to send the militia, it closes with these words:

"If, as we believe will be the case, the working class shall keep its head and allow no hasty judgment or hot prejudice to lead it into reprisals, the needlessness and folly and injustice of this visitation will presently become apparent. The Governor will discover the deception that has been practiced. The troops will then be withdrawn."

Why should such words as these, pleading for peace and order, be forbidden publicity?

Because the peaceable conduct of the citizens is the last thing the military powers desire. If only violence can be excited, the troops in behalf of the Amalgamated Copper Company, can so control the elections as to make it impossible for the Socialist city administration to be re-elected; can make it impossible for the county Socialist ticket to be elected; and can prevent the passage of the Workmen's Compensation Law, to be submitted to the voters in the fall election. The Amalgamated Copper Company will go to any length to prevent these things happening.

But why? Let us quote again from the article by Mayor Lewis Duncan:

"The Workmen's Compensation Law would cost the company at least $500,000 more annually than it pays at present for personal injuries. Another thing that would in all probability be an expensive thing for the company is a Socialist adimnistration in Silver Bow County. A Socialist Sheriff could not be made its subservient tool. A Socialist clerk and recorder would not manage the election machinery and records and jury drawings for the company. A Socialist coroner might find the company responsible for some of the numerous deaths in mine accidents. A Socialist assessor would make a just valuation of the company's taxable properties. And so on down the line. Such things mean less profits for the company's stockholders."

Therefore the Amalgamated Copper Company played its hand skillfully to scatter abroad the impression that the city authorities of Butte were unable to control the town; that the Sheriff was unable to serve civil processes; and that the presence of State troops was urgently needed.

Butte is not the only place where the muzzle has been clapped on. Down in Vincennes, Indiana, an injunction by a substitute Federal Judge has forbidden a whole county-full of free citizens to write, speak, or indicate in any manner, that a strike and boycott exists against a detested street car company, owned in another state.

Do not let the war censorship in Europe astonish you. Stranger things, on far less reason, are done here in this "land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

The Constitution guarantees free press and free speech; but what is the constitution against cash?

What makes you think you live in a free country?

The Shaking of the Thrones

By Irwin Tucker

For two months the world has been reading daily bulletins from the European field of slaughter, growing ever more horrible in their details of butchery. Day after day we have glimpsed through the thick rolling clouds of battle smoke pictures of the far flung horror like these:

DEAD BODIES CHOKE RIVER TILL IT OVERFLOWS BANKS

"It would be difficult to estimate the number killed last week. Whole regiments were annihilated at some points. They came out of the woods, section by section. One section, one shell—and everything was wiped out.

"At two or three places which I am forbidden to name corpses filled the Meuse until the river overflowed. This is no figure of speech. The river bed literally was choken by the mass of dead Germans. The effect of our artillery surpasses even our dreams."

Hundreds Bayoneted

Of the same hand-to-hand [illegible] there are hundreds of dispatches like the following:

"Hundreds of them were bayoneted and hundreds were hurled into the river. The whole field of battle was outlined by dead and dying men whom they had to abandon.

"A regiment of Scotch Highlanders hustled a detachment of Germans into a mill-pond, and jumping in after them, finished them in the water."

Shriveled Like Leaves

"Several times the Germans attempted to carry the embankment with bayonets, but the Belgians met them with blasts of lead which shriveled the gray columns like autumn leaves."

This Was on Sunday

"The British were still busy strengthening their position when on Sunday morning they were surprised by a sudden attack. The Germans were coming out of the woods to the northwest of Mons in numbers greatly superior to the British. The distance between the two armies was about three miles.

"When the Germans emerged from the shelter of the trees it appeared to be the British tactics to cease fire abruptly until the Germans supposed there was a weakening of defense and made rapidly toward the canal. Then when the distance seemed right the British artillery would open a devastating fire. Thousands of Germans fell, and by nightfall they had not made any progress and their dead and wounded were scattered between the canal and the forest.

"The fighting was resumed at daybreak, more violently than ever. The Germans evidently received large re-enforcements. Scouting parties of dragoons and Uhlans tried to reach the canal, but most of them were killed. Then an advance was made en masse and, although whole ranks were mowed down, the main body managed to reach the banks of the canal. The battle had become a positive butchery.

"Our gunners were magnificent and shelled the advancing German columns so that the dead lay heaped up along the way, which was leading down to Paris; but it made no manner of difference. As soon as we had smashed one lot, another followed, column after column, and by sheer weight of numbers. We could do nothing to check them."

River Oise Choked With Dead

"The River Oise, which runs between beautiful meadows, was choked with corpses and red with blood."

The mind grows dulled with repetition of such stories. We glance over them unmoved. So widespread is the fearful misery and pain, so tremendous the scream of anguish which goes up from the battlefields and from the homes made desolate, that our ears become deadened and dulled to it, and we take it as a matter of course.

We read how whole cities were destroyed with fire and rapine; how their men were led out in long lines to be shot or clubbed to death—for the awful crime of defending their own homes. We read of the Turcos and Senegalese brought by France from Africa, visiting this barbarity back upon the fleeing Germans. We read of wells poisoned, cathedrals destroyed, girls mutilated and ravished, men bayoneted before the eyes of their families, —every cruelty that mind can conceive, and that we thought had passed out of the range of possibility forever, are daily spread before us.

But why? Why? Why? These men have no quarrel with one another. Why should they so savagely butcher men [illegible] them for the crime of wearing a suit made of different colored cloths from that which themselves wear?

These are the reasons commonly given:

Germany's militarism.

France's thirst for revenge for 1870.

Russia's hunger for the Dardanelles.

English fear of Germany's rivalry.

Austria's need for a foreign war to unite the country.

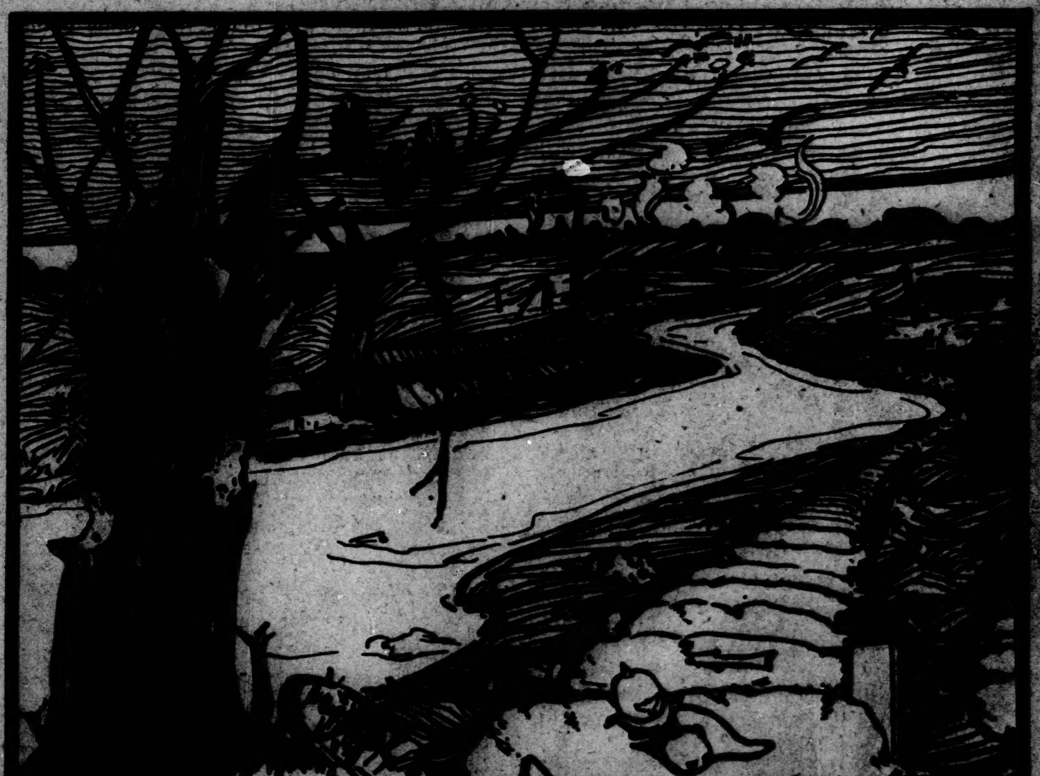
These reasons simmer down into two; NATIONAL JEALOUSY and COMMERCIAL RIVALRY.

National jealousy belongs to the barbarian ages, the ages when there was not enough food to supply the people. When two desert tribes were struggling for the possession of the same oasis, it was a matter of life and death for each member of each tribe that his tribe should be successful. Injuries received by each side in this struggle were remembered and handed on down through the generations, accumulating [illegible] fearful total of hatred, jealousies, and passions for revenge.

But now when there is far more than enough to go around—why fight for it? Why not set the fighters to work, to produce what

Occupation of French Soil is Proceeding Rapidly

It is Estimated that 100,000 Soldiers Have Been Buried on the Battlefields of Northern France



they need instead of killing one another for it, at a great waste of time and money?

Because kings and ruling classes have always played on these racial rivalries for their own purposes. If the king could keep the patriotic sentiment of his people concentrated in himself, his throne was safe. Time and again in the history of the world a throne tottering to its fall by revolt from within has saved itself by starting a foreign war, and thus uniting all parties to "defend the Fatherland." Thus the ruling class of whom the king is always only a representative and a mask, subdued the bucking steed and gripped the reins again.

And so it was here. All of the thrones of Europe are menaced by revolution from within. During the past year the dues paying membership of the Socialist party in Germany increased from 982,850 on March 31, 1913, to 1,085,905 on March 31, 1914. The Kaiser's own home town was represented in the Reichstag by a Socialist, Karl Liebknecht, who with an iron hand stripped the mask on the hideous German army life.

The Kaiser's rule, and the bourgeois order which he represents, was menaced with a revolution within. By sounding the war drum he has played the ancient trick; he has united all parties in Germany under him, the Socialists with the others, and they have proceeded against what they called the "common enemy."

It was likewise in Russia. The Douma has been growing ever more and more bold. It was only last spring that the Socialist group in the Douma, in spite of the utmost endeavors of the president to suppress them again and again demanded the establishment of a Russian republic. Czardom was threatened! Holy Russia might awake and free itself! So the cry of Pan-Slavism was raised, and Russia is united behind the Czar.

Austria is a vast collection of discords, held together chiefly by affection for Franz Josef, the Emperor. Austria thought it needed a foreign war to unite its factions; but instead, has found it appears a foreign war that will break it up into fragments. The glue has proved an explosive; the medicine is fatal.

Last year Italy's Socialists doubled their vote, returning 79 members of parliament and polling just short of a million votes. In Argentina, Socialists sent 7 representatives to the national congress instead of 2. Swedish Socialists sent 64 in place of 40 to the Rigsdag. Bulgaria, in place of none, has 21 Socialists in the Sobranje. Finland's red group in parliament grew from 81 to 90. In France the Socialists gained 26 new seats, bringing their total in the Chamber of Deputies up to 102, with a vote of 1,400,000.

England has faced tremendous industrial disturbances, with a corresponding growth in her Labor representatives. Belgium just emerged from a general strike to enforce the universal suffrage, in which the government was helpless before the folded arms of the workers. In Holland also the Socialists have been making great gains.

Now in the face of this rising tide of red, the thrones of Europe trembled on their bases. Europe's working class was finding itself to be one. It was discovered it had no need of Kings.

The Kings and ruling classes wanted war to retain their thrones. It was nothing to them that war meant misery, torture, starvation, wholesale death, the millionfold horrors of rapine and robbery. It was nothing to them that the edict of war meant the calling out of wild beasts in the breasts of their people, the dethronement of civilization, for savagery; the dethronement of reason for brutality; the dethronement of brotherhood by fierce bloodlust. They wanted to keep their thrones!

For Austria the cure is proving fatal. Italy's King has been warned that if it enters the war, Italy will become a republic. But in Germany, Russia, France, Belgium, and England the plan worked; and the millions of Socialists of these lands are now flying at one another's throats in a bloody frenzy of patriotism.

But still, why? What was the occasion?

Guglielmo Ferrero, beyond question the greatest living historian, says in the Chicago Tribune:

WAR OF COAL AND IRON

"One has only to study the statistics of the production of iron, and there he will find the key to the Anglo-German conflict.

"In the last ten years Germany has become, after the United States, the second metal working nation in the world. In 1912 the United States manufactured about 30,000,000 tons of iron, Germany about 17,000,000, England 10,000,000. These figures explain everything, when we consider that iron is today the most important agency in world conquest.

"What can a people that produce so much iron do with it? What must it do with it? It is naturally impelled to manufacture machinery, railroads, merchant vessels, ironclads, dreadnoughts. But, a people that can construct so much machinery, so many railroads, so many cannon, so many ships of peace and war, and that has not, like the United States, an immense continent to populate with its railways, a people that lives crowded upon a small territory, will it not be tempted to make use of these arms and these materials in making room for itself in the world and in winning an empire to populate?

"Indeed, England has perceived for some time that Germany, with its rich coal mines, its powerful metallurgy, its military traditions, its population that has now reached 65,000,000, might before long attempt to destroy the British empire and conquer, at least, part of it for itself.

"Thus the war between England and Germany is a war of coal and iron, a mercantile conflict recalling the ancient struggles between Carthage and Syracuse, Genoa and Venice, but in colossal proportions and new forms."

Listen to the testimony of an eminent American soldier:

"I do not know of a war for the last 300 years that was caused by a soldier or by a soldier's ambition. All wars have economic causes. Without a single exception all wars are wars for trade. These are all caused by bankers, merchants and business men."—The late Gen. Frederick Dent Grant of the United States army, at the peace congress in Chicago in 1909.

But still the question rises.

Why should they fight about these things? Illinois produces much coal, Alabama much iron, Minnesota much wheat; but they do not fight. They exchange. Why should not England and Germany exchange?

Because each nation seeks foreign markets; that is to say, territories in which it may make exclusive treaties, giving it special favors. Therefore each nation seeks to obtain colonies, wherein it may enforce special privileges for itself.

No nation is willing to compete fairly. It must have special advantages, since its idea is not to produce goods and to give satisfaction, but to make money. So the cry is raised "Our interests are threatened! We must save our country's interests!" And murder is unchained.

No European country wants to exchange on a fair basis. It wants to get rich.

But the way it chooses to get rich is peculiar. The men who make the goods which it desires to sell are taken from their toil in farms, foundries, mills, and shops, and set to work destroying as many as possible of other men likewise taken from farms, foundries, mills and shops. Cities are torn down, their inhabitants ravished or slain, crops are ruined, factories and mines made unworkable.

All this, in order to secure more favorable markets, or better means of transportation for its goods; that they may be sold at higher profit.

Why should they not devote all the energies of these millions of men, thus torn from useful employment, into making more and better goods to sell? Why not exchange products on equal terms? What advantage is there in seeking special advantages, which must be bought at such desperate price? Why not use common sense?

At which suggestion the ruling classes and kings will, if they can, clap a muzzle on your mouth, a bandage on your eyes, and handcuffs on your wrists, and lead you forth to be stood against a wall and shot.

Use Common Sense? Why—that would mean SOCIALISM!

The heavy cost is paid by the workers; the profits of these special advantages are taken by the Capitalists. So those who buy and those who get are very different people. The Capitalist does not care what horrible things war brings; he does not go to war. He sends his workmen there. After the bowels have been blown out of his employe by a fellow-worker of another nation, the Capitalist goes over his dead body and disposes of the work of his employe's hands at a profit for himself; and he sets the widow and orphan children of his employe to doing the work their bread winner formerly did, that he may continue to make profit for himself. The horrors of war mean nothing to him; he never sees them. He only takes his profits.

The employe would not get the profits anyhow. It is a choice at being robbed or murdered. If he works at home, he is robbed. If he goes to war, he is murdered. But why does he do either?

Because he is taught that is what he is for!

Patriotism is used to drape commercial competition, in gay and festive raiment, to hide its naked ugliness.

It hypnotises the worker with its shining dazzle, while the swift hands of his ruling class take his money from his pocket, put a weapon in his hands, and tell him "Kill!" and mechanically he obeys.

Oh, the horror of it! Whichever way we turn there is but horror. Only one bright ray appears; the hope that imperialism is foundering in this sea of blood; the hope that this is the dying effort of kingship to maintain itself in power.

The war of 1870 made France a republic. Already this war has brought a promise of nationality for Poland, and freedom for Russian Jews. Jaures cried "Hurrah for the German Republic" almost with his dying breath. Savage resentment burns in the breasts of the German private soldiers, we are told, because of the disregard of their lives shown by their commanders. Perhaps, when the ballot is again in their hands, they will vote to command themselves!

There is but one way for conflicts to end; that is INTELLIGENCE on the part of the fighters, who are the workers in peace. Intelligence among them means the end of this fine game of war, in which with their blood and suffering they purchase spacious homes and luxuries for their employers, in times of peace. Intelligence will spread only as those who have seen the light pass it on to others. Only as books, pamphlets, and papers such as this are passed from hand to hand will the work be done that shall put an end to war.

Join the War against War! Voice the protest of the workers of the world against this senseless slaughter, by spreading far and wide knowledge of the reasons for it, and the way to end it.

Only an international commonwealth of production for use and not for profit will end the cause for war; only the growth of international fellowship among the workers will supplant narrow patriotism by broad humanity, will end the motive for war, and bring peace at last.

The Illinois Bankers' Association, in session at Chicago, declined to take any action for the regulation of private banks, alleging that the time is "inopportune." The "inopportunity" arises from the fact that thirty private banks in and around Chicago have closed their doors since January 1 because of open looting on the part of bankers, and the public mind is aroused on the question. If banks are regulated when the public mind is awake to the topic, looting by bankers will be treated with out gloves. Hence the bankers will wait until the public is asleep again. It would never do to treat a disease while the patient's attention is turned to it. He might insist on being cured; which would be fatal to the high privileges enjoyed by bankers at the expense of the workers. Meanwhile the Lorimer banks will be opened on Nov. 5.

Eight hundred people, both men and women, responded to a fake advertisement for help in distributing political literature in Chicago. It was a joke. At the address given there was a wedding, and some friends wanted to gather a crowd. Some of the crowd had walked as much as ten miles to answer to advertisement, and had no money on which to ride home.

Eight hundred jobless, made the sport of a joke! It is on such a cruel jest that our present civilization is built.

Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the Industrial Relations Commission, in his Labor Day message through the American Federationist, says, "Alhough we hope to make recommendations, Labor's welfare must depend, in the last analysis, on Labor itself." Surely; the moment Labor delegates its safety to any political party except its own, that moment Labor delivers itself bound into the hands of its enemies. Congressman Walsh sees this; why cannot Labor see it?

Don't let Louvain make you forget Ludlow!

Boy Scouts and the War

By Mary O'Reilly

BOY SCOUTS ON THE JOB.

London, Aug. 26.—In response to the call of Chief Scout Gen. Sir R. Baden-Powell more than 100,000 boy scouts are now performing semi-military service throughout England and thousands are volunteering daily. Their duties include the guarding and patrolling of bridges, culverts, telegraph and telephone lines, acting as guides, serving as signallers, carrying dispatches and collecting information as to supplies.—Day Book.

"King Albert has given a decoration and a commission to Georges Leysen, an 18-year-old Boy Scout, who is in charge of the Boy Scout work of spy detection in Antwerp. Leysen personally caught eleven spies and also killed a German cavalryman at Malines and captured another."—Chicago Journal.

Boy Scouts are taking an active part in the European war. The nations have made a decided step in the establishment of a Spartan militarism. They have taken the children from their cradle, arrested in their growing minds all constructive thought, and fed them upon the dogma of militarism. Now they bring them to the scenes of battle to be inured to its horrors. They put them into active service, appeal to their childish vanity, and capture their tender minds. They teach them lessons of unquestioning obedience and blind allegiance to kings, which will make them ready to throw themselves into the ranks made thin by the deadly fire of modern guns.

At this time, when Europe is but a sickening spectacle of grappling madmen, the people of America should hold their sanity and, in the peace which blesses them amid the storm, try to understand. Why do men obey a command which tells them to destroy themselves, souls and bodies, to destroy their families, the glories of their past labors and their hopes for the future? Why? Because of their enslaved minds. Because, in spite of the boasted mental freedom of our day, their minds are not really their own, but their masters'. Because, man by man, and nation by nation, they are bound by the fetters of the military psychology.

The development of the Boy Scout organization throughout the world is the most dastardly attempt to enslave the minds of the people. In each nation the organization has taken the characteristics of the government of the country. In Russia it was taken under despotic command when Czar Nicholas, by imperial edict, ordered every boy over twelve years old to join. The Kaiser of Germany also took it under his especial patronage, and made it tributary to his military system. In England the organization did not come under direct governmental control, nor was enlistment made compulsory. The British spirit of independence had to be respected. As in the army, enlistment must be voluntary. A campaign of flattery, promises and "patriotism" was used to catch the British boys. When they responded and put on the scout uniform, they took a vow of unquestioning obedience and "fealty to parents, employers and superiors."

This plan was tried in America. Leaders of army, navy, business and politics of the country were unanimous in their approval of the scouts. In interviews published at the time they freely expressed their hopes and plans for the organization.

In the Chicago Examiner of May 15, 1910, Colonel Chauncey Dewey, of the Illinois National Guard, said:

"I understand that the principle of fealty is to be inculcated. There is nothing better than to encourage honor among boys, and this will be coincident with the idea of fealty to parents, employers and superiors."

The Examiner in the same issue says:

"The plan adopted is to begin the organization of patrols throughout the public schools in greater New York, using these as a nuclei, and then gradually enlarging the work until it extends from coast to coast."

Major-General E. C. Young, of the Illinois National Guard, said:—

"It will mean a great deal to the army. Nobody in this country knows much about military affairs or training except the trained soldier and a few volunteers who have seen service. I thoroughly approve of the Boy Scout movement. The beginning of the military man should start in the school. THERE IS WHERE IT CAN GET A FIRM GRASP ON THE BOY. He is inspired by drills and other features of the scout plan, and strives to get ahead. Added military spirit should be instilled in the boy through the training in the schools."

EXPENSE IS NO HINDRANCE.

Captain Edward H. White, a retired United States army officer, said:

"It is but natural that an organization of boys for military educational work under our present form of government, military service being entirely voluntary, should succeed as a purely American institution. The 'scout' organization would be a 'feeder' for our National Guard, the bulwark of our army, and, when necessary, could feed the army itself.

"The cost of equipment, accoutrements and maintenance to our government or private benefactors of such an organization, as compared to results to be obtained, would be hardly worthy of comparison."

The business men who are so niggardly toward the public schools and toward other educational efforts, seem willing to pay this cost.

The Boy Scout movement was met by a storm of opposition in America. The teachers objected for reasons which are summed up in the following resolution, which was passed by the Chicago Teachers' Federation:

"Whereas, The press reports that 'Boy Scout corps' are to be organized among the boys of the public schools; and

"Whereas, According to the plans of a self-appointed committee, military men and others having no professional training, teachers' certificates nor authority to teach, are to be permitted to organize these bands of scouts, to teach and control them, putting guns into their hands and destructive ideals into their minds; and

"Whereas, The chairman of the committee of the Chicago Teachers' Federation, appointed and instructed to investigate the 'Boy Scout' movement, was denied admission to the meeting by the self-appointed committee in charge; and

"Whereas, That committee includes no mothers nor any woman in its membership; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we are opposed to the organization of 'Boy Scout' corps of American children, and all effort to arrest their developing minds at a stage of development which belongs to a medieval, barbarous age;

"That we oppose the efforts of private individuals, military, commercial or others, to reach over the heads of the regularly constituted authorities and control the educational policy of our schools.

"That we are opposed to the efforts of any men to take into their own hands the decision of questions vitally interesting to women;

"That we stand with the constructive forces of society as teachers, as women and as members of the great working class for the ideals of industry and peace."

The Chicago Federation of Labor voiced its protest in a resolution which declared "that 'fealty to employers' is a poor substitute in a workingman's son for fealty to his brothers in the great struggle for working class independence."

The Socialist national convention in session at Chicago went on record as opposing the scouts, and the delegates carried that opposition to all parts of the country.

Wherever the Boy Scouts were organized they found this disapproval. They tried to meet it. They gave up the attempt to force military training into the schools. They modified the oath to conciliate the labor movement. They changed their games and omitted military features. There came a split in the organization, and the new faction claimed to be entirely free from militarism. Committees were sent to labor bodies to seek for their support and every effort was made to overcome the opposition.

Opposition Not Ended.

Thornton Burgess, writing in the July number of "Good Housekeeping" magazine, under the title of "Making Men of Them," says of the Boy Scouts:

"The Socialist Party has withdrawn its opposition to them."

On July 5 the Socialist convention of the state of Illinois passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we are opposed to the Boy Scout organization and to all efforts to develop military ideals in the minds of children; and

"Resolved, That we favor educational methods in school and out of school which will develop in children the constructive ideals of industry and peace, and a spirit of co-operation which will fit them for the task of the liberation of the working class."

The Socialist party has not withdrawn its opposition to the Boy Scout movement, nor has it accepted the claim of its members that the movement is not a military one.

The name "Scout," the uniform, the games, the attitude toward the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Europe all show the common origin and purpose. A newspaper report published last summer said:

The Girl Scouts of America have accepted an invitation to affiliate with the Girl Guides of England.

Miss Agnes Baden-Powell, leader of the English girls and sister of Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, organizer of the Boy Scouts, extended an invitation for affiliation to the American organization.

Miss Adelia Lister Lane, head of the latter organization, announced the acceptance.

"Games" of the Scouts.

Among the "games" listed in the Boy Scout manual are:

Scouting, Hostile Spy, The Man-hunt, Spear-fighting, The War-dance, Stalking and Reporting, Follow the Trail, Siberian Man-hunt, Use of Firearms, First Aid to Injured, and Target-shooting. Those games do not turn the minds of boys to the thoughts of peace.

Professor William James, speaking of "The moral equivalent of war," stated the ideal of the industrial state as opposed to the military state:

"The military ideals of hardihood and discipline would be wrought into the growing fiber of the people; no one would remain blind, as the luxurious classes now are blind, to man's real relations to the globe he lives on, and to the permanently sour and hard foundations of his higher life. To coal and iron mines, to freight trains, to fishing fleets in December, to dish washing, clothes washing, and window washing, to road building and tunnel making, to foundries and stokeholes, and to the frames of skyscrapers would our gilded youth be drafted off, according to their choice, to get the childishness knocked out of them, and to come back into society with healthier sympathies and soberer ideas. They would have paid their blood tax, done their own part in the immemorial warfare against nature; they would tread the earth more proudly, the women would value them more highly, they would be better fathers and teachers of the following generation."

Undoubtedly the boys of America have their minds turned to the work of the Boy Scouts of Europe in the war. Children are tracking spies; children are tramping over the battlefields of Belgium and France; children are being taught not to shudder at blood. They are being trained for advanced lessons in murder later on. Worse than this, children all over the world are being taught that it is glorious to kill for a foreign market, to die for a boundary line in blind obedience to the king or commercial barons who command. Their minds are being enslaved by false ideals. Their freedom to grow is being taken away.

There is no more sacred duty before the American people today, especially the Socialists and workers, than to stem the tide of false teaching which makes war possible. Children must be taught the constructive ideals of peace and industry. Their minds must be left free to learn the lessons of the future. They will have new problems to face, and they must be able to face them without being held in bondage to any wornout ideals of a barbarous past. All the forces of capitalism are supporting the Boy Scout movement, because it develops the military psychology. They would not support it if it did not. Workers and all who want peace and brotherhood and all that they will bring to men, must work to put true teaching in place of false. Upon the freedom of the children depends the future of society.

European Socialists War on War

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"Guerre a la Guerre!" "War against War!" Wherever one turned on that eventful evening of July 20th in the great amphitheater of the Cirque Royal of Brussels, he could observe thousands of placards bearing these words, held aloft by comrades determined to do their very uttermost to stop the avalanche of war which seemed even then to be plunging the little country of Belgium, together with the rest of Europe, into universal chaos.

It was the night after Austria had declared war against Servia. The International Socialist Bureau, hearing the rumblings of war, had called together their members. All that day some of the best known of European Socialists had been wrestling with the problem of war and peace in the convention room of "La Maison du Peuple," and had finally decided to hold the International Socialist Congress at Paris on August ninth, since Vienna would be under military rule. But one subject was to appear on the agenda of the Congress—War, and how the workers could prevent it.

The anti-war mass meeting, to be addressed by Jaures, Hardie, Vandervelde, Haase, Troelstra and representatives of Russia and Italy, was arranged overnight. A half hour before the meeting was scheduled to begin, more than 5,000 Belgian workers had crowded into the hall, and other thousands were turned away. In the center, opposite the doorway, was the platform, draped with the red flag of brotherhood, adorned with great masses of exquisite flowers. Facing this rostrum, in semi-circular arrangement, was a sea of earnest faces—the toil-stained faces of the workingmen and women of Belgium, peaceful, patient, assembled there to register their belief in the essential brotherhood of the world's producers. Scarcely had the audience assembled when the stirring notes of the International were sounded, and instantly tier upon tier took up the refrain, singing the great hymn of human solidarity as only those can to whom the International Party is the one bulwark that stands between them and bloody war. Then, far up in the gallery an old comrade, in a splendid voice, sung the proletarian song of peace, the audience heartily joining in the chorus. Finally came the speaking, the most intense and exalted pleas for peace and humanity I have ever listened to. There was Keir Hardie, grown gray in his battle for the abolition of all wars.

Keir Hardie's Speech

"Europe is filled with anxiety tonight," declared Hardie. "The fear of the horrors of war is haunting the minds of men, and yet the proletariate of Europe do not desire it. They are endeavoring to obtain peace. If the people of Europe are opposed to war, why does the fear of war exist? Because the common people do not rule. 'War is a game which, were their subjects wise, kings would not play at. The proletariate are in the majority. They have to pay for war in money, bloodshed and heartache, and if they outnumber the ruling class ten to one, why do they not control the government? The working class allows itself to be divided by religion, nationalities, want of knowledge. If only they will sink their petty differences, they will become masters and war will disappear. It is no good to preach morality, so long as all conditions contribute to make for war. Socialism is the one means to freedom and liberty, and unity is the means whereby this may be obtained. Remember that you are, first, working people, and by working together in unity, war will be stopped. Long live the Belgian Socialist Party! Long live the International, which is unifying the people of the world in the last great fight for human liberty!"

Germans Cheered; Kaiser Is "Booed"

Hardie's powerful appeal for unity made a profound impression.

There was Haase of Germany, a member of the Reichstag and of the International Socialist Bureau, a man of evident power and conviction. He told the comrades how, when the Morocco affair was brewing and the Kaiser was endeavoring to plunge the country into war with France, hundreds of thousands of German Socialists convened in Berlin, raised their voices against the demon war, and through press, telegram, letters, "agitation of every kind," helped effectively to ward it off. He declared that the Social Democrats in this emergency would do what lay in their power to stem the tide that was now setting in. He pictured the destroyed homes of the workers, the agony of wife and child which followed in the wake of battle, and bitterly denounced the so-called diplomats who had involved the countries of Europe in this present tragic situation. Every reference to the Kaiser was met with the "boo-oo" of the audience, and every mention of the German comrades with warm applause.

Vandervelde, the leader of the Belgian party, and, next to Jaures, perhaps the most powerful of the Socialist orators of the Continent, was at his best that night. He depicted the impotence of the Church in this hour of despair, the incompetence of Europe's statesmen, the absurdity of its monarchical system, and pleaded for the victory of those forces which were fighting for peace and civilization.

Agnini, the able spokesman of the Italian Socialist forces, followed. He heaped ridicule on the puny efforts of European diplomats in the present crisis, and declared that if the bourgeois brought on the war they should be the ones to go to the front and reap the results of their deeds. Roubanovitch of Russia, another leader of unusual force, told of the efforts of the Socialists in his country to preserve peace, declaring that the Socialist movement there was the only genuine one leading to true civilization and culture. Troelstra of Holland added a word from the Netherlands, and Dr. Rosa Luxemburg, who had been imprisoned for her anti-militarist propaganda and advocacy of the general strike in Germany, was given a magnificent ovation.

Jaures' Last Speech

When, at last, Jean Jaures, the most brilliant and best beloved of European Socialist leaders, was introduced. Every man, woman and child in the audience rose from their seats and gave him a reception long to be remembered. For they knew that in this short, powerfully built, white haired Frenchman, they had a tower of strength. I had heard much of Jaures' eloquence, his biting sarcasm, his wonderful humanitarian appeal, his comprehensive grasp of the most complex situations, his sparkling epigrams and finished periods. But his oratory baffles description. "His whole frame came into action," wrote Bruce Glasier of Jaures' address. "One moment his massive head and shoulders were bent forward, his great arms sweeping and sweeping toward his chest as if gathering both his audience and his argument into a heap; another moment he would swing around, addressing some imaginary culprit hidden up somewhere above the cornice of the platform, thrashing his outstretched arm and finger at him, or boring them into his heart; and yet another moment with head upturned toward the ceiling above his audience, his hands would work furiously one over the other, as if he were hauling his argument or his audience up with a cable. His sentences rolled one upon the other into a magnificent crash, and, falling without a pause into a subdued pitch, proceeded in quick, darting rushes, again ringing louder and louder into another and yet another thunder roll. Friend and foe alike were swept off their feet, and burst into hurricanes of applause."

Jaures had just been informed that Austria had given Russia assurances that she would preserve the integrity of Servia. Jaures thought that that was a good omen, and that if war was delayed but a few days the Socialist hosts would be able to do their work effectively.

"Long live the International! Long live the revolution!" were his last impassioned words—the last public utterance of him who had devoted the best part of his life to forwarding the ends of the social revolution. And so, with cries for the Revolution, for Socialism, for peace, for the International, the vast audience dispersed.

And that night down the Boulevard du Jardin Botanique, down past the Gare du Nord, the largest of the Brussels railway stations, and through the length and breadth of that city's most populous boulevards, the army of workers marched, singing fervently the International, the Marseillaise and other songs of the revolution. "Vive la paix!" "A bas la guerre!"

It was the last army of peace that Brussels was to see. Within a few days these workers, lovers of peace and brotherhood, pawns in the hands of Europe's rulers, were hurled into another army, an army of destruction and death.

If Europe had but hearkened that night to the cry of the toilers and of the International! If it had but delayed its insane speed toward hell on earth until, a few days later, the voice of the toilers could again be heard at the Congress in Paris, how many hundreds of thousands of homes would have been saved from destruction, how many millions of the children of men would have been spared the terrible scourge!

Socialism destructive of the home? What hideous hypocrisy!

No, the Socialists of Europe were not strong enough to avert the war. The forces of militarism, of aristocracy, of commercialism, were too powerful. But the Socialist movement here and throughout the length and breadth of Europe was the one big movement which, in season and out, cried aloud against war, and the meeting of the International Bureau was but one of thousands which were held during that week on the continent and in Great Britain.

German Protest Tremendous

Despite prohibitive proclamations, innumerable head splittings, arrests and imprisonments, the German Social Democrats, even to the last, held scores of great protest meetings in the cities of the "Fatherland."

On arriving in London, August 2, I noted a tremendous demonstration in Trafalgar Square, under the auspices of the Socialist and Labor forces, addressed by Keir Hardie, George Lansbury, Ben Tillet, Will Thorne,

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A City Gagged and Bound

How Vincennes, Indiana, is Under the Interdict of Judge Francis Baker

By Irwin Tucker

The City of Vincennes, Indiana, has been fancying that it was the residence of some 18,000 American citizens. On the morning of Aug. 27 it awoke and found that it was a city of creatures forbidden to speak, write, or indicate in any manner its thoughts upon a vital problem of its municipal existence—its street car service. For the street cars of Vincennes, Indiana, are run by the Vincennes Traction Company, which is owned by a millionaire living in Louisville, Kentucky. There was a strike; the Louisville millionaire invoked the power of the United States; and the Federal Court at Indianapolis issued against the labor unions of Vincennes, and all their members, the city officials, and every person residing or sojourning in the city of Vincennes and in the county of Knox, an injunction which reads like a medieval interdict—a blight upon thought and speech.

Hearken to the terms of this interdict, issued at the request of a millionaire living in another state by Judge Francis E. Baker, of Chicago, sitting in place of Judge Anderson of Indianapolis. Bear in mind that according to Judge Baker's express proclamation, it applies "not only to all union organizations, all defendants whose names are here, but to all persons unknown, and all their aids and associates. It means that every citizen of Vincennes and Knox county must obey it."

This is the injunction:

> "Whereas, in the above cause, etc., etc. The court allows a restraining order commanding and restraining the defendant, the Vincennes Traction Compay, from ceasing to operate their cars and from failing to afford the citizens of the city of Vincennes, Indiana, reasonable and adequate car service and accommodation;
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> "And restraining said Local No. 870 Amalgamated Association of Street Railroad Workers, etc." (Here follow the names of the nineteen labor unions in Vincennes), "and all other labor unions and organizations in Vincennes, their officers and members" (and here follow the names of thirteen officials of these unions), "and all other persons, corporations and associations;
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> "From using abusive language, threatening or violent language to or in the presence or hearing of any the employes of the Vincennes Traction Company; from threatening or doing any acts of violence to said employes of said company;
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> "From gathering in bodies at, near or along the property or tracks of the said Vincennes Traction Company, from picketing or marching along the tracks of the said Vincennes Traction Company, from agreeing, conspiring or combining together, or with each other or with any other person for the purpose of interfering, molesting or disturbing said Vincennes Traction Company or its employes in the operation of its cars, from threatening violence or personal injury to any of the employes of the said Vincennes Traction Company:
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> "From using any threatening language to or in the presence or hearing of any of said employes or from doing any acts tending to coerce, intimidate or frighten any of the employes of said Vincennes Traction Company, to cease to work for said Vincennes Traction Company or to join or affiliate with any labor union, from using any language or doing any act tending to frighten or intimidate any person from riding in or upon the cars of the said Traction Company;
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> "From boycotting or attempting to boycott said Vincennes Traction Company, or any of its employes; from circulating or distributing or wearing any card, printed matter or insignia indicating, inciting or encouraging a boycott of said Vincennes Traction Company, from doing any acts tending to injure said Vincennes Traction Company in the exercise of its rights, privileges and franchises or in the operation of its cars or from publishing or circulating any printed or oral matter, statement or representation tending to injure the business of said Vincennes Traction Company."

Reading the list of prohibitions, it will be seen that all persons in Vincennes or Knox county are prohibited from circulating, distributing or wearing any card, printed matter or insignia even indicating that there is a boycott on the Vincennes Traction Company. All persons are likewise prohibited not only from doing any acts tending to injure the Vincennes Traction Company in the exercise of its rights, privileges and franchises, but also from publishing or circulating any printed or oral matter, statement or representation tending to injure the business of said Vincennes Traction Company.

Now Judge Baker, in his verbal comment on this injunction, said, as reported in the Vincennes Capital, that "goodwill is a large part of the business of this company." The citizens of this county are therefore forbidden, by the Federal Court, to talk about the Vincennes Traction Company in such a way as to injure the goodwill of the citizens.

Do you get that? A whole county is commanded to say nothing but good about a corporation which holds a ninety-nine year franchise on its streets. Not only that, but they are forbidden to say anything, or write anything, or to hand around a paper, even so much as indicating that there is a boycott against the company. Not only is picketing enjoined—a common injunction which has time and time again been declared unlawful, since peaceful picketing is quite within the guaranteed rights of a citizen—but circulating an oral statement, like like "There's a strike on;" or wearing cards bearing the simple device "I WALK" as some citizens have been doing—these things are prohibited under the dire penalties of the Federal law.

Now what has happened to call forth such a sweeping order? It would seem to imply that everything short of dynamite had been called into play by the strikers and the other labor unions. It would seem to prove that the city of Vincennes was a hot bed of ferocious wild beasts in human form, who must be held in restraint under the severest powers of the law lest they uproot civilization. On the face of it, now, doesn't it?

But not so. The Mayor, the Chief of Police, and most of the police force of Vincennes were put on the stand, and swore that they had been unable to find any disorder. No mobs had gathered; no one had used any more violent language than to say "Scab" as the cars manned by strikebreakers whirled by; one brick had been thrown, and that late at night, so that no one knew whether it was by youthful hoodlums or by drunken tramps. There was no damage except one broken window.

"Intangible Violence."

The Judge admitted this; but then he said: "Oftentimes city or county officials have mistaken ideas that as long as there is no actual violence there is no disorder and nothing to do. The mayor and the police officials testified, and they must recognize that there is an intangible trouble there, a conspiracy to injure; therefore the order of the court will be that the restraining order temporarily continue.".

Injure what? It was proven that the labor union officials had urged all members of the union to refrain from violence or any illegal conduct. What were they going to injure?

The court explains: "There is a long line of cases where property rights are invested in good will, and where you injure the good will you injure the business. This court cannot ignore the evidence that there was a conspiracy to injure the business of this company, and from Mayor House's admission there was a smouldering volcano down there that might unlawfully break out at any time. "The unions were undoubtedly trying to coerce and intimidate. The committee of nineteen was appointed to make demands on the company as to how it must run its business."

Do you get that? We must repeat it;

Goodwill is Property. When a foreign capitalist through the Vincennes Traction Company secured a ninety-nine year franchise on the streets of Vincennes, he bought the "goodwill" of the people of Vincennes as his property. Any attempt to influence the people of Vincennes so as to lessen their "goodwill" toward the company constitutes a "smouldering volcano" which may "unlawfully" break out at any time.

Now what manner of company is this which has bought the goodwill of the city of Vincennes for ninety-nine years?

The complaint sets forth that S. S. Bush, general superintendent of the company, owns $35,000 worth of stock. S. A. Culbertson, the president, owns $300,000 of the stock. There is altogether $350,000 of capital stock. The complaint further says that the "true cash value" of the property does not exceed $200,000.

To begin with, therefore, by the company's own confession it is overcapitalized by $150,000. Forty-three per cent of its capital stock represents what is commonly called "water." The company had to render dividends on $150,000 representing no true value.

Furthermore; the city has been trying to pave its streets. The franchise of the company provides that it shall bear its share of paving the streets. But the company has been fighting with all the legal arts it could muster, the attempt of the city to compel it to bear its share of the paving, and said company is trying to shoulder the cost of this imperative municipal improvement on the residents of the streets through which it runs. It stands in the way of the city's making its streets serviceable. And why? Simply because the men who reap the harvest of the nickels of the citizens of Vincennes, live in Louisville, and consequently have no need to use the streets they leave unpaved.

But what effect has this injunction had?

On Labor Day, Sept. 4, the managing editor of this paper went to Vincennes to deliver a Labor Day address. The street cars were running, apparently on full schedule, certainly at full speed. But nobody was aboard. A careful observance during the whole day failed to disclose more than ten or twelve persons in the course of that day riding on the cars. In most cases these were women with children or old men, with a few youths and maidens of the "upper" class. All day long the street cars of Vincennes tore around with the motormen and conductors as their sole occupants, clanging empty down the streets and through the lanes; and all day the city of Vincennes walked.

Loyalty That Rain Cannot Dampen.

At 5:30 o'clock a heavy downpour caught the crowd of Labor Day observers out at the Fair Grounds. Between 1,200 and 2,000 persons were there at the time—men, women and little children. The heavy rain continued until long after dark. The Fair Grounds is quite a distance from the city.

But the crowd walked home. Long lines of men, women and little children trudged through the mud and rain, down unpaved and almost impassable streets, rather than yield up their nickels to the hated street car company. Some few, physically unable to make the trip, did ride. Perhaps a couple or three cars got what might be ordinarily called a slack load. But the vast majority walked.

The strike was caused by the discharge, by the company, of a number of its employees for DISCUSSING the question of unionizing. A union had not been formed. They were merely talking about it, and were dismissed for that.

The working men of Vincennes rallied to their help. A union was organized, which included the men still working for the company as well as those dismissed. These men struck on August 12. The company imported strikebreakers and went to the Federal Court.

But Vincennes walks. The Federal Court forbids them to write, speak, march, or circulate literature; to wear cards, union buttons, placards, or badges; doubtless it would forbid them even to think if the court had psychological experts which could follow the thoughts of the common folk.

If this injunction is allowed to stand as a precedent, it practically amounts to a United States Court prohibiting a strike, boycott, or even the organization of a union in any concern owned by any foreign capital—that is by a capitalist living in another state. It is a vital blow at American organized labor.

Will American labor stand for it?

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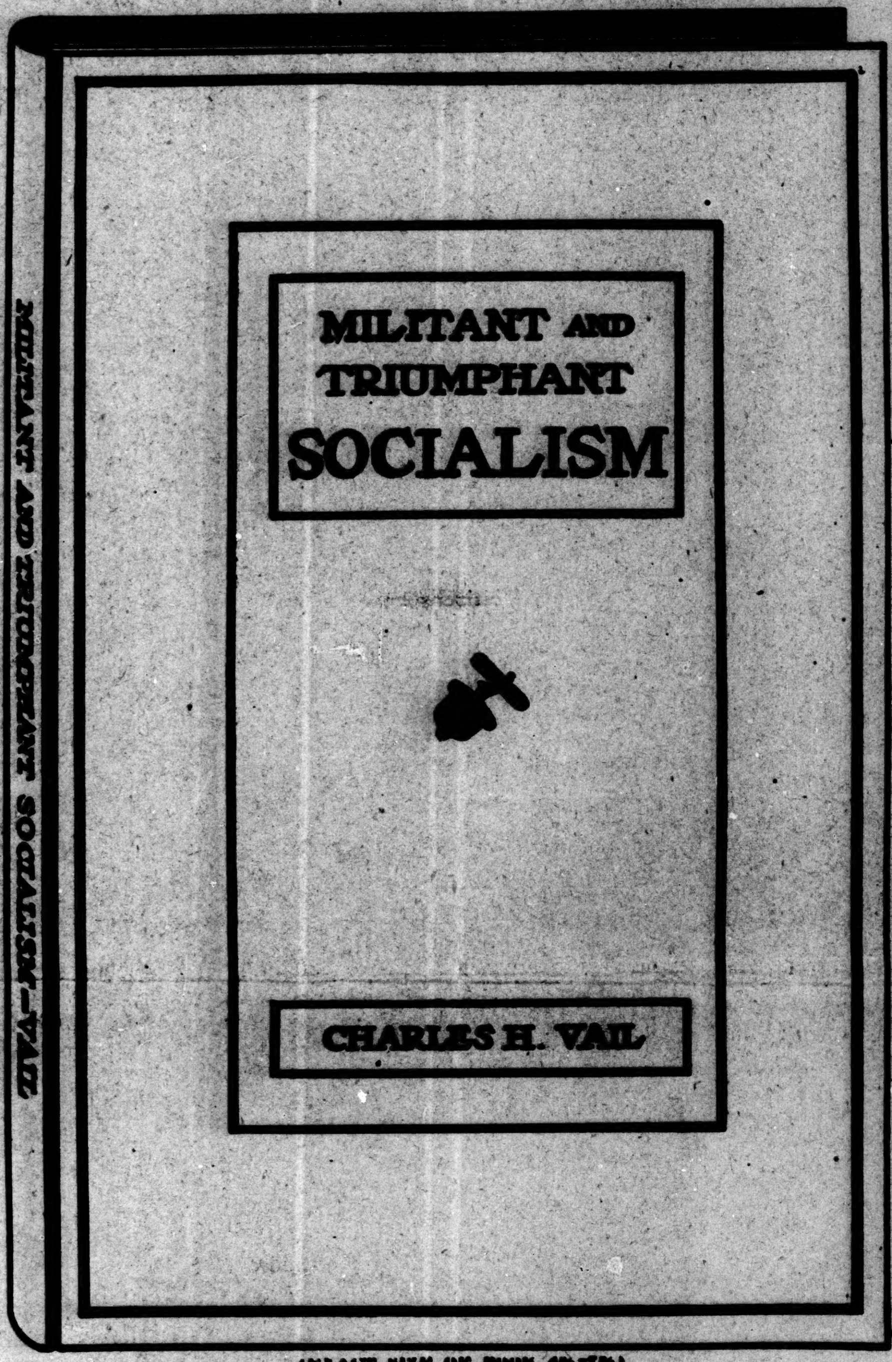
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THE NATION'S PULSE

BY IRWIN TUCKER

War burst upon the working-class of Europe because, although seeing it coming, they did not move to avert it in time. But the same causes that worked there, are at work here. Can we see to head it off?

Does this seem far-fetched? Listen:

"Revolution at home"—this was the startling cry that struck the ears of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations in Seattle. J. V. Patterson, President of the Seattle Dry Dock & Construction Company, and James P. Thompson, one of the founders of the I. W. W., agreed as to that. Both said the revolution is coming.

> "Unionism is a cancer which is eating the vitals out of this American people. I hate it," said Patterson. "You will force us to the point where we will fight you. We will rise with a counter revolution. We have got to destroy you, if it comes to that. That is what it is coming to. It is coming to a civil war, gentlemen, and we will fight. I am ready. You will soon read of a revolution worse than France had—far worse."
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> James P. Thompson, said: "I would recommend to this commission that they say to all whom it may concern that a revolution is inevitable. We may delay that revolution a little, we may hurry it a little, but we can't stop it, and everyone who is big enough to rise above local interests and see the inevitable should do all he can to lessen the birth-pangs of the new society being born from the old. And to the capitalist class I would say "You are doomed. The best thing you can do is to look for a soft place to fall."

Others in that hearing spoke much the same. Chris Totten, chairman of the Strike Committee of the Merchant and Manufacturers' Association, testified:

> "I consider we have the right to defy the law if necessary. I consider our men were only wise in arming themselves, and I think we would have been justified in turning Gatling guns on the strikers in Stockton."

The man who said this had received every friendship from his workers. When his planing mill in Stockton burned down, his workmen gave a week's toil free to put him on his feet again.

"If necessary for safety," said Totten, "a corporation has the right to maintain armed forces; and the corporation must be the judge of that necessity!"

Not only this; but Totten and others told the Commissioner that they resented the Government's inquiry as an interference with their affairs.

Looking For Trouble.

Here again; one primary cause of the war was the struggle for foreign markets. Now that the contestants are cutting one another's throats for them, our commercial energies are with a whoop and a hurrah to be devoted to capturing the causes of conflict. Great efforts are being made, with the assistance of the Government, to take South American trade away from Germany and England, France and Russia, Austria and Italy. In other words, having seen the results of this struggle in Europe we are going to try and array the whole world against ourselves by grabbing the prize.

Get the picture; seven large boys and one small boy are fighting furiously among themselves for the possession of a basket of apples. Another large boy is sitting on the fence, bitterly bewailing the sinfulness of the fight, and beseeching the others to quit the unholy strife. BUT—

As soon as he sees their attention otherwise engaged, HE STEALS THE APPLES.

What will the seven large boys and the one small boy—Europe, including Servia—do to the lad with the apples—us? Will they not ALL drop their quarrels with one another and make after him? Of course they will.

The merchants and manufacturers of the United States, in grabbing for the markets left vacant by the war, are playing for a bigger war to come.

Jobless Increasing

There is a tremendous and rapid increase in the numbers of the unemployed. War's distractions, closing down many mills that depend on European supplies for part of their raw material, only made sharper a condition already keen.

More than half a million workers were thrown out of employment IN NEW YORK CITY ALONE. Chicago's Bureau of Charities reported more demands for help than at any previous time—although the summer is hardly over. The ranks of the unemployed are being recruited in every city and town. Last year the unemployed were met with clubs, revolvers, repression, prison, and the general hatred of all well-to-do classes who dislike to be reminded of misery. This year they may not be so patient. Their repression may need more force.

Pranks of the Judges

Rolling war-drums diverted the attention of Europe's proletariat from their own quarrel with their kings to the quarrels of their kings with other kings. These same rolling war-drums make many Americans forget that they also are in danger.

Out in Colorado a Judge named Strong has sentenced to prison, for contempt of court, the signers of a petition to recall Judge A. W. McHendrie. McHendrie has kept Andrew Uhlich, a miner, in prison for six months, without allowing him to come to trial and without admitting him to bail, on the charge of shooting a gunman; at the same time setting free Belk, a notorious gunman, proven guilty of murdering a miner. For this discrimination the recall petition was circulated. If sufficient signatures had been obtained, there would have been an election as to whether McHendrie should go or stay.

The constitution of Colorado expressly provides that any persons may petition for the recall of any officer, judges included; shall be free to state the reasons for such recall, and are to be sole judges of the reasonableness of these reasons. McHendrie's anger was roused; he sought the aid of a fellow judge; the fellow judge right well avenged him.

In this issue of **The Christian Socialist** a similar case at Vincennes, Ind., is stated at length. Judicial tyrrany is reaching its height. The American people sit quietly and allow the courts to tie, blindfold, and gag them, while the capitalists prowl through their pockets.

There is war at home. Unless we fight it peacefully at the ballot, it may come to the bloody arbitrament of revolution. THE TIME TO PREVENT WAR IS ON ELECTION DAY. A word to the wise!

Here are a couple of other cases. On Sept. 12 Judge Killits of the Federal District Court of Toledo, Ohio, enjoined the city from enforcing the three-cent street car fare ordinance which became effective on March 27 last. This was after a long-drawn out fight between the street car company and the citizens.

On Sept. 14 Federal Judge Kohlsaat at Chicago enjoined the Illinois State Board of Public Utilities from enforcing its order to the receivers of the Oak Park Elevated Railway Company to elevate its tracks. The order was issued after a series of accidents in Oak Park due to grade crossings.

Because foreign capital is interested in these concerns, State courts and City ordinances for the protection of the life and property of citizens are halted, life and limb denied safeguards—lest dividends be reduced. The encroachments of the Federal Courts keep step and pace with the encroachments of outside money.

Wherever a city or a country district is developed by the aid of outside capital, so often does it pass under the domain of the Federal Courts, which are not responsible to the people. Absentee landlordism made Ireland a land of misery. Absentee capitalism is working the same way here.

Shall we abolish the courts?

Oh, no; simply abolish capitalist ownership of the courts by abolishing capitalism.

The Drug Clerks Plea

"Tired men make mistakes. Our mistakes kill." This is the substance of the plea of the drug clerks of Chicago, who will ask the next Illinois Legislature for a law limiting their labors to ten hours a day, with one complete day of rest every two weeks. One man told of five deaths within eleven months, caused by the weariness of overworked prescription clerks. In most cases the Chicago drug clerks work twelve to eighteen hours a day, every day in every week, for $62 a month.

But why need they? Why not employ enough clerks? Same old answer. There are too many drug stores, who cannot afford enough clerks.

Competition is the "life of trade." But in the drug business, COMPETITION IS OFTEN THE DEATH OF THE CUSTOMER. Socialism would establish municipal drug stores at frequent intervals, sufficiently manned by experts so that poisons would not be handed out for healing cures by an overworked and underpaid clerk.

In Texas

It is said to cost $24,000 to kill one man in time of war. We do it cheaper in times of peace. Texas is preparing to kill fourteen men at $500 a head, for the hideous crime of participating in labor organization and of aiding the Mexican revolution.

The Rangel-Cline Defense Committee, whose headquarters are in the Labor Temple at Los Angeles, is appealing to every labor organization for funds to make the fight for these fourteen men, J. M. Rangel, Charles Cline, and their companions. The crime of which the fourteen are accused is of killing a deputy sheriff who had lawlessly attacked them as they were starting for Mexico. The real cause of their conviction however, is that they were labor organizers, and as such guilty of "conspiracy" against the privileges and powers of the ruling class.

In Lighter Vein

William A. Cunnea, Socialist Candidate for county Judge in Chicago, is opposed by John E. Northup on the Republican ticket. Northup bases his candidacy upon the fact that he was the special prosecutor appointed to uncover the frauds which cheated Cunnea out of the State's Attorneyship two years ago. Northup proved that Cunnea had been legally elected, but counted out. Now Northup is trying to beat Cunnea for the judgeship because he proved that he had been victorious for State's attorney.

"It reminds me" said Cunnea at a recent party picnic "of a man whose leg had been cut off in a railroad accident. His lawyer secured a verdict of $10,000. The lawyer kept $9,000 and turned $1,000 over to the plaintiff.

"Look here," said the plaintiff, "whose leg was cut off—yours or mine?"

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THE OPEN DOOR

By Harvey P. Moyer

Eighteen hundred years ago Jesus gave us the Golden Rule, as the guiding principle to lead us into His kingdom on earth, the real brotherhood of man.

Today all good people are horrified at the sight of great Christian nations murdering each other instead of loving one another.

Why this failure?

Simply this:—The Church and nations have failed to realize the real, practical, brotherhood part of religion.

Our present social system is not based on religious principles, love, brotherhood, cooperation, but on competition, hatred, opposition, individualism with all its devilish fruits of war, oppression, poverty.

What is the cure?

Nothing but the practical application of the real principles of religion, a real brotherhood of man, the only logical development of the Fatherhood of God. This is nothing short of pure Socialism taught from the Bible standpoint. To spread these principles among the Christian people is the chief work of the Christian Socialist and of the Christian Socialist Fellowship.

Now, when all the world stands aghast at the horrors of this ungodly war, is the time to bring all the people the everlasting cure for all ungodliness, oppression, and crime—Socialism, and from the strongest possible standpoint—Christian Socialism.

Fortunately, we have just in time reduced the price of our helpful paper to 25c per year (monthly), which makes it easy for each and all to do something to help give it the largest possible circulation, and bring the light to all the people as soon as possible.

We are glad to see the subscription list rapidly growing under this new price. But with the cause so great, we must see it growing mightily to bring the kingdom in our day, and we must work as well as pray.

Comrades, while our brothers and comrades are shot down in cold blood shall we be idle? Will not each one of you at least give one dollar for ten new readers for five months?

Then, among our great number of readers there are surely many who are able and willing to give a dollar for four yearly subscribers and quite a few who could do this much each month. Can you realize how much this would do towards bringing in Socialism? Will you be one of these?

But to enable all to help establish the real Brotherhood of Man, almost every reader could get one subscriber per month, less than one cent per day, if you had to pay it yourself.

Do you see what a chain of readers this would come to be, if only one-half of our subscribers would do this? Can you put your money into better work than to put this paper into the hands of new readers as often as you possibly can? Can we avoid our responsibility for the present condition of things unless we do our share in spreading the truths of Socialism? And the way to accomplish anything is to start on some plan and keep it up systematically.

Comrades, we are making it possible for you to do great things through the **Christian Socialist**. Will you do your part and see that these great things are accomplished?

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HARVEY P. MOYER.

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"Moses and Marx" is fine.—J. E. Franklin.

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Comrade Paul Pierce of Texas ordered subs and a bundle of the September number. He writes: "Send me copies of the September issue containing Comrade Carr's masterful article entitled 'Moses and Marx.'"

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Comrade Hervey W. Perkins of Colorado sent for subs and copies of the September number, and says: "I love the paper and the cause it is enlisted in. Comrade Carr is a wonder, and I would like the above subs to begin with the September number if possible."

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I think the article in the last issue by Comrade Carr is the best ever. Wish I could distribute one thousand copies.

S. A. Keep, Louisiana.

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Comrade Mrs. Mary Hess of Chicago paid for 1,000 copies of the September number. She is having them distributed as a memorial for her husband, who was a loyal Comrade. This is indeed a beautiful tribute to the departed and will do great good.

Editorials

By Edward Ellis Carr

TWO VAST ENCOURAGEMENTS

"These are times that try men's souls";—not only the souls of soldiers who struggle amidst thunder, smoke and flame, disemboweled, screaming, plunging horses and groaning, dying men where the fiercest battles rage; nor only the souls of women and children widowed, orphaned, impoverished and terrified by the horrors of war against which they are helpless; but also the souls of those who have toiled and prayed and hoped for peaceful progress and the quiet, gradual establishment of justice in the world. In the face of appalling destruction that has fallen upon Europe as suddenly as an earthquake along two thousand miles of battle lines which circle Germany and Austria, North and South, and the revelation of the stupidity of people who permit petty kings to plunge a continent into bloody strife and wholesale devastation and misery without warning, how weak and silly sounds the peace talk of those who vainly thought that military murder would stop while commercial murder goes on; "'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace"—how foolish the cry.

But even this insane frenzy of kings hurling their people into the abyss of death for gain and glory to themselves has brought out two great, significant facts:

I. **The world is one, the human race is one, the problems of commerce and industry are one the world over.** Steam, electricity, the printing press and steel machinery in general have ended national and racial isolation and independence. A thousand years ago Europe might have reeked with bloody war from the Mediterranean Sea to the Arctic Ocean and from the Black Sea to the Atlantic Ocean and Japan would never have heard of it. One hundred years ago the news of this greatest of all wars would not have reached Japan for months after the conflict was over, if at all, and would have excited scarcely any interest. Today the cannon roar of Germany in France is answered by the cannon roar of Japan against Germany on the far distant eastern shores of Asia. Today Belgian, French, British, Russian, Algerian, Canadian, South African and Hindoo soldiers fight shoulder to shoulder in France against Germany, while Servian, Montenegrin, Russian, Mongol, Tartar, Jew, Pole and Japanese battle against Germany and Austria North and East. Soon Australia, New Zealand and other British Colonies, whose ships are already in the war, will have their representatives on European battlefields. China is being goaded and may rush into the melee; while Turkey seems on the point of calling her Moslem legions to the harvest of death, which would force Italy, Greece, Bulgaria and Romania to enter the war. South America seems safe, all but her commercial and industrial interests, which suffer greatly because trade has almost ceased between her and Europe; and the United States, Mexico and the Central American states can keep out of the actual war if they will.

The business of the whole world is crippled by the awful disturbance in Europe. No nation, no race, no continent, no hemisphere any longer can "live unto itself." What affects one affects all. **By the stupendous havoc of battle shock, by the lurid light of flaming cannon and bursting shell, by the industrial and commercial loss in all nations, the actual, universal brotherhood of mankind throughout all races all over the world stands demonstrated in this frightful war as never before.** From Japan through Russia, Austria, Poland, Germany, France, Belgium, England and Canada to the United States and through all the lesser nations and all the isles of the sea the souls of men are realizing their mutual dependence, and the horror, insanity and criminality of war as never before and are whispering, even with their latest breath: "WE ARE BROTHERS! **Why should we kill each other?**"

Power machinery has made the world one; and, by the natural law of economic determinism, power machinery will end competition by forcing the common people of every country to take possession of the machinery to save themselves from slavery, poverty and war. Through the baleful flames of deadly strife today we see more clearly than ever the sure promise of lasting peace.

II. **From the sudden, appalling horror of this war the world is turning to Socialism more rapidly than ever.**

"Socialism looks more attractive," the leading dailies declare.

"If Socialism will end war, let us have it," some of the church papers say.

"It is the proletariate, the propertyless workingmen who march and fight and die in battle; it is the surviving working people who must pay the expenses of war, feed the starving millions and bind up the nations' wounds, therefore the workers should own and rule the world" proclaims one of the greatest newspapers.

"This war will bring the end of kingly power in Europe," affirm many writers and speakers.

Even so. Let press, pulpit, platform and school repeat these wise observations, and let all Socialists take courage and work for the cause as never before. Today belongs to bloody, robber Capitalism which ravages the nations and sucks out their lives. TOMORROW BELONGS TO SOCIALISM—which means peace, prosperity, glorious human love and endless progress. The soldiers of Europe, while dying in agony, are digging the graves of tyranny and greed, and over the blood-fertilized fields soon shall grow the fadeless flowers of "fraternity, equality and liberty" to cover the scars of war and sweeten the Temple and Home of United Humanity—our whole, beautiful, bounteous world.

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WAR IN AMERICA

In the midst of the grief and horror which fill the souls of thoughtful people in contemplation of the wholesale murder called "war" in Europe, we must not forget that even during so-called "peace" in America a bloody and disastrous war is continually being waged and justified in the name and by the power of the same capitalist business which instigates all wars for land, markets, "glory" and power.

Gordon Thayer in Everybody's Magazine shows that upwards of 36,000 men are killed and more than 500,000 are crippled in America each year by "preventable accidents," that is, by accidents which could be surely prevented by safety appliances, if it were not cheaper for the capitalists to kill and cripple men than to make the machines safe for men who work with them. Over 3,000,000 men, Thayer says, are sick, multitudes unto death, each year, because of "controllable insanitary" conditions.

The above figures are staggering to mind and soul, yet we have seen the statement repeatedly that a much larger number, beyond 60,000 men, are killed each year in American industries. An average of 250 men per day, nearly 100,000 per year, are killed or crippled on the railroads of America alone. The assuring reports sent out by some of the roads that none or very few of the passengers were killed last year, for business reasons discreetly ignore the number of switchmen and trainmen who were killed or crippled. The murder of the meek workingmen does not count.

In round numbers 500,000 men killed or crippled means that on the average 1.370 men are being broken with wounds or destroyed by bloody death in the U. S. every day of the year including Sundays—a bloody battle every day, in which the unarmed workmen are being deliberately butchered by murderous machinery in order that the capitalists may pile up larger profits literally out of their blood.

The 500,000 men killed or crippled each year and the 3,000,000 sick from "controllable insanitary" conditions of life and work do not include the "multitude whom no man can number," the tens of thousands of children killed or made sick and blighted by milk "preserved" with poison; hundreds of thousands of children and adults killed or sickened by impure water; diseased and poisoned meats, decaying or poison-preserved vegetables, overwork, undernourishment, etc.

And the devastation of capitalism which cuts the people from their base of supplies, "commandeers" the larger part of their productions, and forces upon the vast majority the desolation of poverty, is carried on with the same selfish ambitions, the same grim heartlessness that characterize the motives and methods of the military chieftains of political imperialism.

Thus we see that the "piping times of peace" in America are falsely named. **Competition for profit is war—and "war is hell."** "The battle of life" is no mere figure of speech. Every day in America under capitalism is a bloody, desolating, heartbreaking, soul-crushing battle. And we call this "Christian civilization," congratulate ourselves that we are "at peace," and mumble imbecile words about human brotherhood while defending or consenting to these things!

Brotherhood and peace can never be till the robbery and murder of mammonism is ended, till the competitive system gives way to the co-operative commonwealth and the people own for themselves all the means of producing and distributing wealth.

A voice and a vote for Socialism is the only voice and vote to end murderous war and establish the blessedness of true peace and good will among men.

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WITH HEART, BALLOT, VOICE AND PEN

The proposition made early in September while men were being slaughtered by thousands to appoint Oct. 4th as a day of prayer for peace produced eruptions in many minds.

Obviously, if there were any use to pray for peace while supporting the imperialistic, mammonistic, competitive system which destroys peace everywhere, the time was years, months, weeks ago, at the very latest moment "Now"; and if a call for peace prayers was calculated to help the people exert more **mass influence** toward convincing God that war is unpleasant, not to say deplorable, then the call should have emphasized the idea—"**everybody, altogether, pray NOW!**"

To our national Diplomats it may have seemed polite to wait and not interrupt God's enjoyment of the interesting terrible drama in Europe before Oct. 4th, or at least take time to arrange for an imposing ceremonial function especially calculated to appease and please a fierce war God; but some felt that there was no time to wait, and that even impetuous, unannounced, crude, informal "groanings that could not be uttered" every day were more befitting the awful situation.

J. U. H. in the Chicago Tribune was reminded of the Kansas parson who never prayed for rain until the wind was from the East. Perhaps by Oct. 4th the German government itself may be effectively helping us pray for peace and eager to pay the price because of the wind now being raised in the East by the Russian armies marching toward Berlin and by the wind in the West from the belching cannon of Belgium, England and France. At least, writing just after the battle of the Marne, it seems probable that by Oct. 4th the encouragement to pray for peace will be much greater.

Nevertheless, whatever the events of the next few days, or months, every lover of humanity will carry in his heart every hour of the day and night the burden of unutterable prayer for peace, **on terms according to God's will for human liberty and progress**, at the earliest possible date—and forever after.

The best proof of a sincere and intelligent prayer for peace is the Socialist ballot. Remember this in November. Meanwhile pray for peace by talking and writing for socialism.

The Live Ones

By Mrs. Ella Carr

Dear Comrades:

Now that the summer season is over, let us work with renewed efforts to spread the great gospel of Socialism that will save the people from their crucial hours should stir our souls as want, misery and oppression. These never before. Beyond the present blackness and suffering we can see a bright light of hope shining. Let us each do our part to show the vision to those who see it not.

We are glad to give you the following encouraging words, and report some of the good things our workers are doing, that new inspiration may come to many others to do likewise.

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From the Letters.

I admire the spirit of the **Christian Socialist**, and I believe the reduction in price will bring many new subs. May God add His benediction.

Your Comrade of the Cross,
Rev. L. J. Anderson, S. Dak.

Comrade Anderson has sent many subs to this paper.

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I am enclosing a few names and the price to send the **Christian Socialist** to each for a year. Comrades should go after that religious neighbor, give him a few copies to read, and the next thing is to get his quarter for a year's subscription. If you try, you'll get it.

A. W. Anderson, Colorado.

No one knows how much good he can do till he makes the effort. Will you not test this Comrade's plan?

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Negro Comrade Sends Cheer.

I just must have the **Christian Socialist**. I can not and will not do without it. Your paper is doing a work among the Negro race that no political spellbinder could do and, besides, it is doing it in such a way as will enable my race to approach the Socialist movement with clean minds not filled with darkness and the curse of ignorance. The modern republican politicians want the Negro's vote, but have no use for him as an intellectual unit in society.

Work, for the night is passing
When darkness will be no more;
Work, for the light of Socialism is dawning,
When we'll be slaves no more.

S. C. Garrison, Montpelier, Ind.

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The Ministers.

Comrade C. L. Patton of Virginia sent in thirty subs for ministers.

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Mrs. C. N. Crewdson of Chicago donated five dollars for subs to go to Chicago ministers. Twenty-five of them will receive the paper for six months for this amount.

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Be sure to send (a certain minister is named) his regular treatments of the **Christian Socialist**. I am donating Socialist literature to the Reverend and am interested that he gets his doses regularly.

H. G. Harrison, Minn.

It pays to send the right kind of propaganda matter to the ministers. It is too bad that many of them need it, but since they do, it is worth while to convert them to our cause, for they make most excellent propagandists.

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The Song Books.

Comrade John Briggs of Massachusetts ordered 100 of the Campaign Song Books, and Comrade F. M. Barrick of Oklahoma sent for four dozen Songs of Socialism to be used at Comrade Wm. A. Ward's series of lectures at Anadarko, Okla. Comrade Ward has sent three goodly lists of subs as a result of his lecture work the past weeks in Oklahoma.

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Dr. S. J. Brownson of Texas sent for 100 copies of Comrade Moyer's A, B, C of Socialism.

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Sub Cards.

Dr. A. F. Green of Ohio sent ten dollars for yearly sub cards, and Comrade Wm. F. Dertinger of Virginia sent five dollars for the same.

It ought to be easy to sell sub cards at twenty-five cents each for yearly subscriptions to the **Christian Socialist**. Do as these Comrades have done, and have some on hand to use every opportunity you get. As everybody now discusses the war, have your cards ready to offer those who talk with you about it, and make them realize they need the Socialist viewpoint.

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Comrade I. N. Fitzpatrick ordered fifty copies of the "Wilson" and "Moses and Mary" booklets, and writes: "I am so situated that I can't do much—BUT I MUST DO SOMETHING."

May hundreds who read this get the suggestion, and may it burn itself in their souls till they will do at least as much as Comrade Fitzpatrick. Oh, how blessed it is to get the truth to the people. Even a child can do so, with these splendid numbers of the **Christian Socialist**.

We regret that we cannot tell about all the good work of those who are devoted to this paper, but space will not permit.

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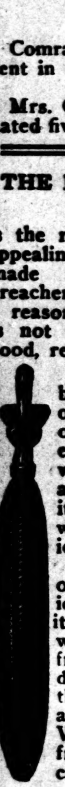

The case is made from double stock gold plated (a plate of thin solid gold over a plate of hard metal) 14x6 size, which easily slips in the smallest watch pocket, nicely engraved and ornamented. In a word, it looks like a modern $50.00 watch and gives the same service.

The illustration here shows only the side view to give an idea of size, but to appreciate its beauty you must see the watch. My price is only $4.00, free at your door, and if you do not think it is worth twice the price I ask for it, return it and I will return your money. With every watch I will send free a six-months' subscription card for the **Christian Socialist**, which you can sell or give away to make new recruits for our noble cause.

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News of the Fellowship

"SOCIALISM ENDORSED BY METHODIST CONFERENCE"

The above caption appears over an editorial in the Chatham (New Brunswick) "World" of June 17, 1914. The editorial fully comprehends the action of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist Conference and severely censures it as follows:—

> "The Conference Committee on Temperance and Moral Reform foolishly goes out of its way to meddle with taxation question and to ask that the laws be so shaped as 'to secure to every citizen the full value of his or her labour and absolute equality of opportunity in all respects!'
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> "What meaningless mouthing is this! Do the good gentlemen of the Committee know what they are talking about? Does one of them know what he wants and how the law makers can give it to him? They are simply repeating second-hand Socialistic rhetoric that has no practical bearing on life or labour. Brethren, stick to temperance and moral reform. The 'inequalities of opportunity' should be pointed out and statutes for securing equality formulated instead of this meaningless blather. The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference has formally and officially endorsed Socialism. Its endorsation of Mormonism would not have been a greater surprise."

A two column report of the resolutions of the Conference, published in THE MONCTON (N. B.) TRANSCRIPT, of June 17, 1914, is a witness to the very full consideration given the clause to which objection has been taken by THE CHATHAM WORLD. The statement is made that the adoption of Sec. III (b), "committing the Conference to the fundamental principles of Socialism" was moved by Secretary A. C. M. Lawson and Ex-Ald. H. H. Stuart (of the Christian Socialist Fellowship and Vice-President of the Canadian Vigilance Association). Mr. J. A. Lindsay objected that the section was Socialism, and wanted it stated more fully. The Rev. Mr. Marshall, Committee Chairman, said that the Committee had thought they had made the matter as plain as anything could be made. The Rev. Geo. A. Ross said that this and the preceding paragraph on tax reform sought to cast out the real flies in our social life. "It is time that we began to realize the importance of such things and to deal with them at our annual gatherings."

The Chairman (Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada), said that every economic question had a moral basis and was fit to be discussed in a religious assembly. The Rev. Thomas Marshall said that the Committee, in preparing this section, had had the assistance of the denominational field secretary, the Rev. W. J. Smith, who approves of it.

No one but Mr. Lindsay had anything to say against this section, and it was adopted as read, no one voting nay.

The writer has been informed by the Treasurer of the Temperance and Moral Reform Department of the Canadian Methodist Church that a similar resolution, drawn by himself, a Socialist, is to be found upon the minutes of the General Conference of the Methodist Church, the Rev. Dr. Carman presiding. Editorials such as the above show what the capitalistic press thinks of these resolutions, and "if they are mad, let every Socialist be glad."

R. B. ST. CLAIR.

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MAKING HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

The Toronto C. S. F., organized this Spring, is not taking any vacation. Regular meetings are being held in the West End Y. M. C. A., second and fourth Thursdays, at 8 P. M. Nearly 80 members are now enrolled, and the comrades are looking forward to an enrollment of at least 100 by Sept. 15th. Four new members were received on July 23rd. The Rev. R. L. Brydges, the Church of England's Toronto Moral and Social Reform Secretary, and a member of the Fellowship, gave an interesting address on "Unemployment." He was followed by Organizer M. D. Armstrong, of the Toronto S. D. P., and others. The Fellowship is studying, meeting by meeting, Vail's "Militant and Triumphant Socialism." "The Industrial Banner" has been giving the Fellowship liberal space. The issue of August 1st contains a rousing editorial in favour of the movement, detailing its strength throughout the world, and its especial usefulness in Toronto, and also an excellent report by Comrade J. M. Conner of the meeting addressed by the Rev. R. L. Brydges.

R. B. ST. CLAIR.

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THE BETTER WAY

Rev. James L. Smiley, one of the Protestant Episcopal ministers at Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, is one of the most faithful and effective workers for Socialism in America; and he does his duty with the greatest sweetness, persistence and patience. The people of all classes respect him for his character and good deeds; and, because his method is illuminating and attractive rather than offensive, they give him a considerable hearing for Socialism.

The Evening Capital, largely through Rev. Smiley's efforts, frequently prints an entire column from the Socialist viewpoint, as we have previously reported. On Aug. 11 the Capital contained a full column account of the meeting of the Christian Socialist Fellowship at Annapolis, giving a clear and accurate report of Rev. Smiley's address on War and Peace, which tends to help all people understand the relation of Socialism to these vital matters.

What Comrade Smiley is doing at Annapolis and throughout Maryland, others can do elsewhere. And that is why we refer again to his work—not to praise him, but to encourage you.

How to Get Socialism Into Local Papers

Write kind, clear, brief Socialist articles for your local paper, especially giving Socialist views and principles, and see if they will not be published. Co-operate with your local paper and you will have less cause for criticising it.

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Part of Smiley's Article

(From the Annapolis Evening Capital.)

Triple "alliance" and "entente" may be formed to threaten off an individual nation; what does the capitalist care for that? Huge armies and navies may be supported by debt-ridden nations on the plea that they ward off war. The capitalist glories in this. It fills his coffers. But all these supposed antidotes for war have proven to be utterly inadequate. In fact, the immense armies have actually invited war. And now the nations see the folly for which they have been taxed to death. They pay Mars to destroy them, while capitalists sing his praises.

There is only one agency which capitalism fears; that agency is New Testament Christianity literally applied without fear or favor. Christian politics—national and international—will mean the overthrow of the Almighty Dollar and its religion—Capitaism. Brotherly co-operation only can settle the East Mediterranean dispute, and all other disputes engendered by selfishness. But Christ in separated individuals is not sufficient. That, in international politics, would be as ineffectual as a rope of gold dust. We must have Christian organization, meeting the enemy on his own ground. And Christianity organized in politics spells Socialism.

No wonder the capitalists and their dupes fear Socialism. It is their uncompromising enemy, determined to sweep their inhuman practices off the earth. It is the flaming sword which in the mouth of Christ is destined to destroy them. As the world is so blind that it cannot or will not see that capitalism is the curse of each nation, with its enforced poverty, child labor and white slave traffic, God has permitted the European War to thunder into the ears of His listless people the message that capitalism is an international curse, dragging the whole world into a deluge of blood.

Thoughtful men are beginning to see this, but it seems to take a whole generation to open some eyes. Many church members, like the foolish virgins, are sound asleep. They haven't awakened to the fact that Socialism is the economic expression of Christianity. And so they dream and wonder and cannot explain in coherent syllables the meaning of the European War. To the Socialist it is perfectly plain. He knows that the only remedy is economic brotherhood. He loves all men and blames no one for being born in another country. The French Socialist and the German Socialist love each other as brothers and would settle the war in twenty-four hours if they could.

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A Conference of Country Ministers recently held at the Maryland Agricultural College for the purpose of discussing the problems of rural churches, was addressed by Rev. Jas. L. Smiley on Socialism. About 100 ministers were present, and the discussions were interesting. Comrade Smiley also talked with many individually about Socialism and the Christian Socialist Fellowship, and distributed copies of the Christian Socialist.

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VERY MUCH ALIVE

Comrade Lanier of Memphis orders 50 copies of the Stitt Wilson Special and states that the C. S. F. there has authorized him to order 30 copies each issue. He adds: "I assure you, we are not dead."

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HOW ABOUT YOURS?

The following centers of the C. S. F. each have celebrated the "warm spell" by sending money for dues: Warren, O.; Annapolis, Md.; Memphis, Tenn.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Toronto, Can., and Brantford, Can. If your center has not kept up, please find what the trouble is, and "start something." Do not be a "dead one."

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PRIEST DECLARES FOR SOCIALISM

My dear Mr. Tucker:

I have received through the mail a number of copies of "The Christian Socialist" and by a copy to hand today I see that I am placed on the regular mailing list. Do you know who paid for my subscription to your valuable little CHRISTIAN paper? I would like to thank them.

I am a Christian Socialist and believe that is the only kind of Socialist there is. Surely it is the work of the great Catholic Church to care for the body as well as the souls of those for whom the Master died. I have worked in the worst slums of England, London, Leeds, Birmingham, and other cities and in Winnipeg, and know from my past experience that it is very little use to preach Repentance, Faith and Obedience to hungry, half clothed people. Change their conditions, and their bodies as well as souls, and then the full Gospel of Christ will be believed and lived. But as long as we preach half the Gospel, and are supporting the very evils which are keeping our boys and girls and men and women in practical slavery, so long will we do very little good.

May God bless those of our Priests and Bishops as well as our laity who are CHRISTIAN Socialists, with the blessing coming to those of whom He said: "As much as ye did it unto the least of these little ones ye did it unto me."

God bless you in your noble efforts amidst unpopularity to spread the full Gospel (Good-news) of His Love who came to save us BODY and SOUL.

Yours in this blessed work,

CLAUDE R. PARKERSON,

Episcopal Missionary in charge of the Northwestern Episcopal Missions, Crawford, Neb.

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APPLICATION BLANK

From the Constitution:

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS

Realizing that the social message of Jesus applied in an age of machine production means Socialism, we declare the object of our Fellowship to be:

To proclaim Socialism to churches and other religious organizations; to show the necessity of Socialism to the complete triumph of Christianity; to end the class struggle by establishing industrial and political democracy, and to hasten the reign of justice and brotherhood—the Kingdom of God on earth.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.—Its members shall be active and associate.

Section 2.—Its active members shall consist of those who are both Christians and Socialists, who shall agree to the objects as stated in Article II, be duly elected, be governed by the constitution and by-laws.*

Section 3.—Its associate members shall be those who are in sympathy with the purposes of the Fellowship, and shall be duly elected. They shall have the privilege of a voice, but no vote.*

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Agreeing with the objects of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, I hereby apply for (active or associate) membership.

Name ....

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Presented by ....

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*Applicants for membership at large are requested to pay dues six months or a year in advance, if convenient. Dues 15 cents per month.

VIEWS OF THE BISHOPS

The Christian Socialist sent to every Bishop in the United States a request for a statement of his views regarding the European war and the best means of preventing its recurrence. We stated our view to be that economic and commercial rivalry underlay the struggle, and that wars would never end until mammonistic competition is succeeded by Christian co-operation.

Replies are still being received as we go to press. In our next issue will be given this consensus of opinion of American organized Christianity represented by its bishops.

That's Different

The British Empire in times of peace refused to allow Sikhs and Gurkhas to enter Canada. When war was declared, however, from 70,000 to 100,000 of them were shipped across Canada to the field of war. The Gurkhas are famous for their knife-work. Each man carries seven knives in his belt, with which he can cut off the head of a foe at thirty yards by a skilful throw.

Modesty

The Czar is willing to "sacrifice his last moujik" in order that he may enter Berlin in person. The Kaiser has ordered his soldiers "On to Paris" if every man of them dies. Isn't the modest self-sacrifice of the Czar and the Kaiser perfectly wonderful! They are willing for the least and lowest in their realms to have the place of honor in the front of the firing line.

The cost of killing one man in the present war is more than $20,000. Down at the Panama Canal, it cost about $2.43 to save one life. It really seems to be cheaper to save life than to kill it. Socialism would save all life; Capitalism kills it.

Why do we do it?

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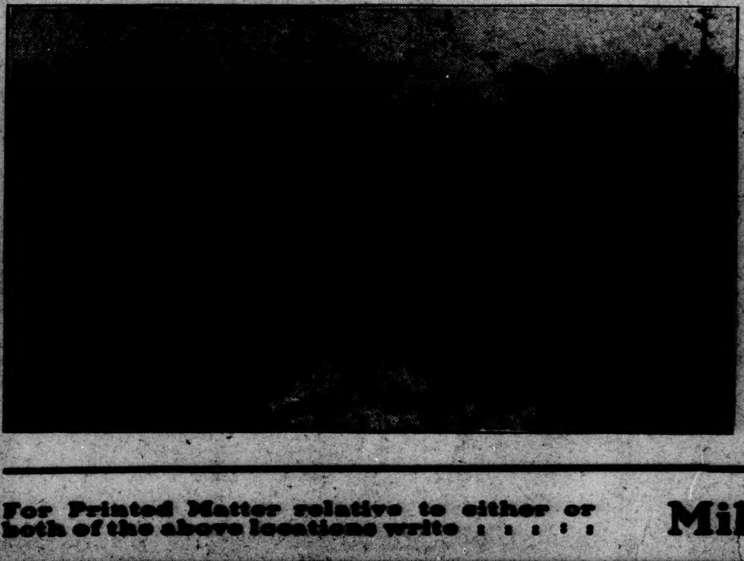

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